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For : PUSH BUTTON SWITCH

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following document:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-290200, which was published on October 19, 2001, together with an English language translation of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted document and translation is attached and has been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/750,811 to SOTOME entitled "Push Button Device

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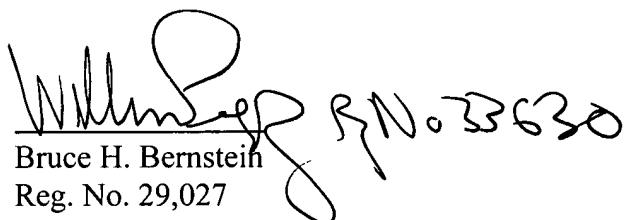
Having an Illuminator," which was filed on January 5, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-noted document is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicant also notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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